

2/19/25 Climate Action Committee

Minutes

Members and others attending: Lili Flanders, Chair of CAC; Mark Gebhardt, Vice Chair of CAC; Alex Limpaecher, member of CAC; Georgia Neill, CAC volunteer; Chris Palmer, Truro Climate Action Coordinator

Assign Noteaker
Alex Limpaecher

Public Comment
None

Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting notes from the past two agendas were approved with adjustments

Update from the Climate Action Coordinator

Solar on the Landfill

- Discussed the lease or own option
- Leasing
 - On Friday, Feb 28th they are going to be reviewed
 - 6 Companies submitted bids for the leasing option
- Chris Called 21 Solar Company Estimates
 - Got one estimate of 3.6 M
 - With \$600,000/year in electricity (this is more than \$400k that beaches make)
- IRA
 - Provides 40-50% tax credit
 - Truro can't use that but we can sell it at 90%, so still get the money
 - Solar people are saying that they think the IRA for Solar will still be available
 - Which would make our solar \$2 M
- Maintenance
 - This would cost \$10-20k, and would not require the town to hire someone
- Revolving Fund
 - Will most likely end up on a future Warrant
- Grid would
 - Provide 2M kwh
 - The town currently uses 650k kWh

- But decarbonization will double that
- The extra energy can be sold to smart system
- Or be used to set up community solar
- 2 Years is the current estimate for how long it would take to set up the solar

Outreach

There was a question about what we can say as a committee. But the hope is that we can say as a committee we support a warrant article.

Ideas for Solar Outreach

- Flyer
 - Put in library
 - Pre-town Meetings
 - Town meetings
 - There was a question if flyers were allowed at the town meeting
- Put flyer info on CAC website
- Put the same info on town Instagram and facebook
- In-person handing out flyers
- Newsletters
- CAC Email list
- The independent
- Video

Key Messaging on Solar

- It makes the town money (more than the beaches!)
- It reduces GHG
- It's on a landfill, land that isn't used anyway, and no trees are being cut down

Action Item: Alex will investigate using Canva for Flyer (and Instagram posts)

Share Ideas about Earth Day

- Idea for a fair where different groups can hand out info

Collaboration with the Open Space Committee

There was interest in collaborating on a forum on fire threat and safety with the Open Space committee in June and July.

Georgie is going to interview Fire Chief Tim Collins for a Truro Talks newsletter article and is going to be gathering info on Truro:

- 1) Truro Risk
- 2) What organizations are doing
- 3) What individual can do
- 4) Get other resources

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Talk about the CAC website/page

Library Events

March - Meet the Climate Action Coordinator

- Chris welcomes ideas on this

April - Warrant articles info

May - Cape Light Compact

June - Fire

July, August - Break

Sept - Casey Thornbrugh - Wampanoag

CAC Budget

CAC will be asking for \$1k in budget.

- 1-2 Paid Speakeres a Year
- Budget for communication materials such as flyers

MVP Grant Update

- Meeting next Thursday regarding
 - Resilience Hubs
 - Undergrounding Shore Road (in collaboration with Provincetown)
- Towns have to do a 10% match

- However, this can be in kind (such as time) and has limited financial impact the town

EV Talk with EC

Brian Boyle asked if we wanted to talk about EV in a joint meeting. CAC members were pro.

Upcoming Meetings

Discussion regarding in-person, hybrid, and remote meetings.

Divestment

No update, but something Chris and Georgia may tackle in the coming year.

Flood Plains Bylaws

The Planning Committee will not be submitting a warrant article this year, but maybe next year.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alex Limpaecher

WARRANT ARTICLE XYX

The proposed warrant article seeks approval to utilize the capped landfill at Truro's Transfer Station for the construction of a solar panel array. This thoughtfully planned project will transform currently unused space into a valuable community asset that generates clean energy and revenue without any burden on taxpayers.



Advantages Of Solar Energy:

- ✓ Generates much needed town revenue
- ✓ PAYS FOR ITSELF without any tax increases
- ✓ Built on unused landfill at transfer station
- ✓ Reduces Truro's Green House Gas Emissions
- ✓ Builds a sustainable future for Truro

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